PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION		12. CONCLUSIONS
17 January 1963	Ludlow, Massachusetts		☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 18/0055Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE rising northward	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object varying in intensity fsom brilliant to being invisible. First observed at 30 dgr elevation 135 dgr azimuth. Disappeared at 80 dgr elevation 90 dgr azimuth rising and fading. Total duration 12 minutes. Wind information garbled.

11. COMMENTS

Only wind report was at lower level from 200 dgr. However, prevailing winds are to north and east. Sighting characterisitc of balloon observation. Blinking light rising & duration consistent with this analysis.

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ACTION : CIN-17

INFO : OOP-1, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3, DIA-15, DIA-CIIC-3 (42)

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FM 57AIRDIV WESTOVER AFB MASS

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UNCLAS 99DCOI 571. CSAF, FOR (AFCIN). OSAF: FOR (SAFIS). REFERENCE AFR 200-2, UFO REPORT. THIS MESSAGE CONSISTS OF TWELVE (WL PARTS. PART ONE. A. (1) POINT OF LIGHT. (2) PINHEAD. (3) RED. (4) ONE. (5) N/A.,(6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) INTENSITY VARIED FROM BRILLIANT TO INVISIBLE. PART TWO. B. (1) LOOKING AT SKY WHILE WAITING IN CAR. (2) 30 DEG EL/135 DEG AZ. (3) 80 DEG EL/90 DEG AZ. (4) APPEARED STRAIGHT PATH CLIMBING. (5) FADED OUT. (6) 12 MINUTES. PART THREE. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. PART FOUR. D. (1) 0055Z 18 JAN 1963. (2) NIGHT. PART FIVE. E. [redacted] LUDLOW MASS.

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PART SIX. F. (1) [redacted] AGE 24. ADDRESS - 161 [redacted] LUDLOW MASS (SEE PARA K). UNEMPLOYED SHIPPING CLERK. (2) N/A. PART SEVEN. G. (1) SPOTTY HIGH CLOUDS. (2) SURFACE 200/2; 6,000' 230/35; 10,000' 230/45; 16,000' 230/50; 20,000' 230/70; 30,900' 250/110; 50,000' 260/80; 60,000' 260/60. (3) UNLIMITED. (4) 8NM. (5) THIN BROKEN. (6) NONE. PART EIGHT. H. NONE. PART NINE. I. NONE. PART TEN. '. T-33 FLIGHT TO PATTSBURG - T/O 230. PART ELEVEN. K. TSGT MELVIN LIEBERMAN, NCOIC, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 99 BOMB WING, WESTOVER AFB, MASS. THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY THE OBSERVERS APPERAS TO EQUATE TO AN AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PATH. HOWEVER, THE RED FUSELAGE LIGHT BLINKS AND THIS WAS DENIED BY THE OBSERVERS. THE T-33 FROM WESTOVER COULD NOT HACE CAUSED THIS REPORT DUE TO THE DIRECTION OF TAKEOFF AND TRAFFIC PATTERN. SATTELITES ARE HELD UNLIKELY DUE TO THE NORTHWARD MOTION OF THE OBJECT. MOST LIKELY CAUSE IS HELD TO BE THE SIGHTING OF AN AIRCRAFT ABOUT THE CIRRUS CLOUD DECK AND VISUAL MISINTERPRETATION OF THE ROTATING BEACON FOR TWINKLING OR VARYING INTENSITY. UFO ALSO SEEN BY MISS [redacted], LUDLOW, MASS AND MISS [redacted] LUDLOW, MASS. PART TWELVE. L/ NONE.

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